



Press Release

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On Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at approximately 1120 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT team was asked to respond with the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office to 1414 Dodgeville Road in Rome Township. The SWAT team was present to apprehend Thomas Propst, suspected of shooting his wife Paulette, and attempting to kill his daughter who had escaped from their home and notified authorities. The suspect was believed to be in the residence at the time.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT team (composed of members from the Lake, Ashtabula, and Geauga County Sheriffs' Offices, and Painesville City Police Department) secured the scene. They found the suspect's wife, Paula Propst, dead in the living room from a number of gunshot wounds. However, the suspect, Thomas Propst, was not found on the property. Propst is believed to have left the area after shooting and killing his horse as well.

The suspect is believed to be driving a white Toyota pick-up. The pick-up is equipped with a black cap. The license number is BV38QG. If the suspect is located, do not attempt to apprehend. However, contact 9-1-1 as soon as possible.

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